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SUBJECT: PERU'S HOSTAGE CRISIS UPDATE - MARCH 6;  
MRTA SUSPENDS TALKS DUE TO "TUNNEL"

1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JETT, REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: MRTA LEADER CERPA ANNOUNCED MARCH 6 THAT HE WAS SUSPENDING THE ONGOING GOVERNMENT-MRTA TALKS DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT A TUNNEL BEING DUG UNDERNEATH THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT LED TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE TENTH ROUND OF TALKS, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE MARCH 7. THE GUARANTORS (ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR VINCENT, AND ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE MINNIG) MET WITH CERPA MARCH 6 AND WILL MEET (MINUS MINNIG) WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MARCH 7 IN AN EFFORT TO RESTART THE TALKS NEXT WEEK. ON MARCH 7, AMBASSADOR VINCENT INFORMED AMBASSADOR JETT THAT THE TWO SIDES STILL REMAIN FAR

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APART, BUT HE BELIEVES THE MRTA HAS AGREED TO GO TO CUBA ALTHOUGH IT WON'T REVEAL THIS PUBLICLY FOR FEAR OF UNDERMINING ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION. VINCENT SAID TENSIONS HAD BEEN HIGH INSIDE THE RESIDENCE WHEN THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR GOT INTO A CONFRONTATION WITH ONE THE TERRORISTS AND THREATENED TO WALK OUT OF THE RESIDENCE. AMBASSADOR JETT ALSO EXPLAINED THE USG POSITION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ASYLUM IN CUBA TO MFA CHIEF OF STAFF DE ZELA WHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE USG POSITION.  
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3. (U) MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI SUSPENDED THE MRTA'S PARTICIPATION IN ONGOING TALKS EARLY MARCH 6 BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THE GOP IS DIGGING A TUNNEL BENEATH THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. CERPA MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN A SHORTWAVE RADIO COMMUNICATION BROADCAST AT 10:30 A.M. UPON LEARNING OF CERPA'S

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STATEMENT, GUARANTORS ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, AND ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE IN PERU MICHEL MINNIG ENTERED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO DISCUSS CERPA'S CONCERNS. UPON LEAVING THE RESIDENCE AFTER OVER AN HOUR INSIDE, THE GUARANTORS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT. AS A RESULT OF CERPA'S PRONOUNCEMENT, THE TENTH ROUND, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7, HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

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4. [REDACTED] POLOFF AND FBI NEGOTIATORS MET WITH [REDACTED] THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 6.

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[REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS AND JAPANESE HOSTAGES KEPT ON THE FIRST FLOOR HAD BEEN HEARING NOISES FROM UNDERNEATH THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. AS A RESULT, THE MRTA WAS MOVING ALL THE HOSTAGES TO THE SECOND FLOOR, WHERE THE PERUVIAN HOSTAGES ARE HELD.

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[REDACTED] DID NOT HAVE A FULL READOUT OF WHAT TRANSPIRED BETWEEN CERPA AND THE GUARANTORS EARLIER THAT DAY, BUT DID SAY THAT CIPRIANI WOULD BE CHECKING ON CERPA'S ALLEGATIONS WITH THE PERUVIAN POLICE, AND THAT THE GUARANTORS WOULD ATTEMPT TO RESTART THE TALKS.

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5. [REDACTED] SAID THE TALKS HAD BEEN GOING WELL, WITH CERPA PARTICIPATING IN THE NINTH ROUND WHICH TOOK PLACE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5. [REDACTED] WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MRTA WOULD EVENTUALLY BE WILLING TO GO TO CUBA. HE WAS ALSO AWARE THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING THE RELEASE OF SOME MRTA PRISONERS FOR MEDICAL REASONS, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE MRTA KNEW THIS. [REDACTED] THIS WAS SO BECAUSE ICRC GUARANTOR MINNIG IS NORMALLY NOT IN THE ROOM WHEN THE GOVERNMENT-MRTA TALKS ARE TALKING PLACE.

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6. [REDACTED] THE MRTA DOES NOT BELIEVE THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN A HURRY TO END THE CRISIS, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] DUE TO THE LONG

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TIME IT TOOK THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO GET THE TALKS STARTED.

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7. [REDACTED] AS FOR THE MRTA, [REDACTED] SAID THEY INITIALLY WANTED THE  
CRISIS TO END QUICKLY, BUT THAT NOW THIS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE THE  
CASE. HE ADDED THAT THE MRTA BEGAN TRAINING EXERCISES INSIDE THE  
RESIDENCE LAST SUNDAY IN ORDER TO GET INTO SHAPE. [REDACTED]  
BELIEVES THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS ARE STILL UNITED.

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8. [REDACTED] THE HOSTAGES ARE DOING WELL UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,  
ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HOWEVER, AS OF MARCH 2, THE MRTA HAS  
LIMITED THEM TO RECEIVING ONLY ONE FAMILY MESSAGE A WEEK, DOWN  
FROM TWO. THE MRTA CONSTANTLY WARNS THE HOSTAGES NOT TO TAKE  
MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS AND ATTEMPT ANY ANTI-MRTA ACTIONS.  
THE HOSTAGES HAVE FREE MOVEMENT INSIDE THE RESIDENCE, OFFER  
LANGUAGE CLASSES (CERPA PARTICIPATES IN A FRENCH CLASS CONDUCTED  
BY HOSTAGE GENERAL DOMINGUEZ), AND EXERCISE WHENEVER THEY WISH.  
HOWEVER, MOVEMENT IS LIMITED WHEN CERPA AND/OR "EL ARABE" ATTEND  
THE TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] REMAINS INSIDE THE  
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WHEN SUCH TALKS TAKE PLACE, SAID  
THAT "TITO" AND A FOURTH MRTA LEADER ARE IN CHARGE WHEN CERPA AND  
"EL ARABE" LEAVE THE RESIDENCE. HE ADDED THAT "TITO," WHO  
SUFFERED A GUNSHOT WOUND TO HIS LEG ON THE NIGHT OF THE DECEMBER  
17 TAKEOVER, RECENTLY HAD HIS CAST REMOVED BY A FORMER HOSTAGE  
DOCTOR WHO RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE TO HELP CARE FOR THE  
HOSTAGES. HOWEVER, A BULLET REMAINS INSIDE "TITO'S" LEG AND HE  
IS UNABLE TO WALK UNAIDED.

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9. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ARMORED SEDAN THE

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EMBASSY PROVIDED THE ICRC FOR USE DURING THE TALKS, AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE PRESS STILL DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE CAR CAME FROM. HE SAID THAT MINNIG AND EITHER CIPRIANI OR VINCENT ARE ALWAYS IN THE CAR WHEN IT TRANSPORTS CERPA AND/OR "EL ARABE." THE ICRC STARTS THE CAR UP EVERY MORNING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BATTERY IS STILL WORKING. WHEN NOT IN USE, THE CAR REMAINS IN THE GARAGE OF THE HOUSE USED FOR THE TALKS AND THE PERUVIAN POLICE HAVE NO ACCESS TO IT.

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AMBASSADOR VINCENT PROVIDES IMPRESSIONS  
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10. [REDACTED] CANADIAN AMBASSADOR VINCENT MET WITH AMBASSADOR JETT EARLY MARCH 7 AND INDICATED THAT THE GUARANTORS WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AT 11:30 A.M. TO REVIEW THE HOSTAGE SITUATION IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE TALKS BACK ON TRACK. VINCENT WAS HOPEFUL THE TALKS COULD BE RESTARTED NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY. HE NOTED THAT THE TWO SIDES ARE STILL FAR APART, AND THAT THE TALKS PROBABLY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. THE KEY TO FURTHER PROGRESS, ACCORDING TO VINCENT, WAS GETTING THE MRTA TO ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED ALL THAT THEY CAN. VINCENT BELIEVES THE MRTA HAS AGREED TO GO TO CUBA BUT WON'T ADMIT IT FOR FEAR OF UNDERCUTTING THEIR POSITION ON THEIR MAIN DEMAND -- THE RELEASE OF THEIR JAILED COLLEAGUES.

11. [REDACTED] REGARDING THE GUARANTORS' VISIT TO THE HOSTAGE SITE MARCH 6, VINCENT SAID CERPA TOOK THEM INTO A ROOM WHERE THEY, THE GUARANTORS, COULD HEAR NOISES FROM UNDERNEATH THE RESIDENCE. AFTERWARDS, THE GUARANTORS MET WITH GOVERNMENT INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO, WHO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A TUNNEL. PALERMO SPECULATED THAT IT COULD BE AN OLD TUNNEL OR WATER IN THE PIPES.

12. [REDACTED] VINCENT INDICATED THAT TENSIONS WERE HIGH BETWEEN THE  
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MRTA AND THE HOSTAGES. THERE ARE REPORTS OF HEATED VERBAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE HOSTAGES AND THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS. ON MARCH 6, THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR GOT INTO A CONFRONTATION WITH ONE OF THE TERRORISTS AND THREATENED TO WALK OUT OF THE RESIDENCE.

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AMBASSADOR JETT ON CUBAN EXILE FOR MRTA  
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13. [REDACTED] IN A RESPONSE TO A JOURNALIST'S QUESTION MARCH 6, AMBASSADOR JETT SAID U.S.-PERUVIAN RELATIONS WOULD NOT BE

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AFFECTED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S TRIP TO HAVANA GIVEN THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. ALSO ON MARCH 6, THE AMBASSADOR TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHIEF OF STAFF, HUGO DE ZELA, THAT THE USG WOULD NEITHER CONDEMN NOR SUPPORT GIVING ASYLUM TO TERRORISTS. WE WOULD MAINTAIN OUR PUBLIC POSITION OF URGING THAT NO CONCESSIONS BE GIVEN TO THE TERRORISTS, BUT THAT THE QUESTION OF ASYLUM WAS BETWEEN PERU AND THE COUNTRY GRANTING ASYLUM. DE ZELA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH AND APPRECIATION FOR THIS POSITION.  
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